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NEW EQUIPMENT FOR AGRICULTURENEW FUMIGATING MACHINE IN OPERATION -- Sovetskaya Moldavia, No 152, 30 Jul 49

The FM - 1.5 fumigating machine, designed by Engineer P. A. Lukashevich of the Moldavian Station for Plant Protection, has been adopted for serial production. Drawn by a tractor, the machine is used primarily in fighting soil insect pests of grapes, and against phylloxera and tree pests. Belorussian kolkhozes are already using the machine successfully in liquidating the nucleus of fungus potato rot.

SMOLENSK GETS NEW FARM MACHINES -- Pravda, No 232, 20 Aug 49

MTS and kolkhozes of Smolensk Oblast recently received many new agricultural machines. The number of MTS tractors has considerably increased since last year. For the first time, Smolensk Oblast farms are using flax combines. The number of complex threshing machines has almost doubled this year, and there has been a considerable increase in the number of flax harvesters, reapers, tractor plows, and other machines.

YEREVAN PLANT PRODUCES FUEL WAGONS -- Kommunist, No 196, 20 Aug 49

The Yerevan Repair Plant of the Ministry of Agriculture Armenian SSR has begun mass production of horse-drawn fuel wagons for servicing tractors. The fuel wagons are equipped with a 375-liter metal tank for kerosene and containers for gasoline and lubricating oil. They also have a piston pump, grease guns, and filling equipment. The entire equipment, the body, and the undercarriage of the fuel wagons is built directly at the plant.

By using these wagons, servicing of tractors will be speeded up considerably and loss of fuel will be avoided.

The plant has already produced 40 fuel wagons, the first group of which will be sent to Oktemberyan, Zangibasar and Kotaykskiy MTS. It is planned to build 150 wagons this year.

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ESTONIA GETS NEW MTS -- Izvestiya, No 196, 20 Aug 49

Estonian agriculture is gradually being mechanized according to the latest techniques. During 1949, 15 new MTS were established in addition to the existing 24. A large number of first-class tractors were received in the Estonian SSR. For the first time in the history of Estonia, powerful Stalinets combines began to operate in the fields. The Vil'yandi MTS has introduced automotive mowing machines. From various USSR plants Estonia received 18 flax harvesters, 17 complex VIM-2 grain cleaning machines, 45 movable automobile-repair shops, and ten gasoline-powered trucks (benzovoz). Fifty-six complex MS-1100 threshing machines arrived from Kharkov. The MTS are giving valuable aid to Estonian kolkhozes.

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